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1. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL AT FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH
OFFICE, PORTUGUESE TALKS WITH PAIGC HAVE TURNED OUT TO
BE MORE DIFFICULT THAN PORTUGUESE FONMIN SOARES EXPECTED.

SOARES RETURNED TO LISBON ON MAY 28 TO REPORT AND SEEK
FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND IS EXPECTED BACK IN LONDON

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LATER THIS WEEK. MEMBER OF PAIGC DELEGATION TOLD EMBOFF

TALKS GOING WELL BUT THERE ARE "SEVERAL PROBLEMS" TO IRON OUT. SAME SOURCE SAID NO DEADLINE HAS BEEN SET AND PROMISED TO SEE EMBOFF LATER IN WEEK AND GIVE RUNDOWN ON DISCUSSIONS THUS FAR.

2. BASED ON SOARES TALKS WITH FONSEC CALLAGHAN, FCO OFFICIAL SPECULATED TALKS STALLED OVER QUESTIONS OF FUTURE OF CAPE VERDE ISLANDS AND REGROUPING OF PORTUGUESE TROOPS IN GUINEA-BISSAU. EMBOFF SHOWN FCO TELEGRAM REPORTING ON TALKS WHICH SAID SOARES "OPTIMISTIC" BUT THAT NOTHING HAS BEEN FINALLY SETTLED. SOARES TOLD BRITISH HE HOPED CEASE-FIRE COULD BE AGREED ON AND THAT FOLLOW-ON PROCEDURES COULD THEN BE ARRANGED AS PORTUGUESE ARE ANXIOUS TO BEGIN "EARLY NEGOTIATIONS" WITH FRELIMO. FCO OFFICIAL COMMENTED THAT WHILE NOT UNDERESTIMATING DELICACY AND DIFFICULTY OF MOZAMBIQUE SITUATION IN RELATION TO RHODESIA, SOARES "APPEARS DETERMINED TO FIND A WAY THROUGH." IT WAS EVIDENT IN EMBOFFS CONVERSATION THAT FCO BELIEVES SOARES IS UNDULY OPTIMISTIC VIS-A-VIS PAIGC AND FRELIMO.

3. FCO "UNATTRIBUTABLE PRESS LINE" AFTER SOARES MEETING WITH CALLAGHAN BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.

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